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SUBJECT: MALI PRESIDENT'S WIFE VISITS NORTH KOREA

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1. ACCORDING TO NORTH KOREAN MEDIA, MRS. MARIAM TRAORE, WIFE OF MOUSSA TRAORE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI, ARRIVED IN PYONGYANG OCTOBER 24, ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTORAGE WHICH INCLUDED SINALY THERA, MALI AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA AND NUMEROUS HIGH RANKING PERSONS FROM THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNION OF MALI. UPON ARRIVAL, THEY WERE GREETED BY KIM SONG-AE, WIFE OF KIM IL-SONG AND OTHER DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING VICE-PRESIDENT KANG YANG-UK, MRS. MONIQUE SIHANOUK, WIFE OF NORODOM SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA, AND LI YUN-CHUAN, AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA FROM THE PRC.

2. NORTH KOREAN REPORTS DWELL ON EXCHANGE OF BANQUETS HELD TO WHICH CAMBODIAN AND PRC DIGNATARIES WERE ALSO INVITED. KIM IL-SONG AND HIS WIFE KIM SONG-AE HOSTED A BANQUET OCTOBER 24 AT WHICH KIM SONG-AE PRAISED AND CONGRATULATED MRS. TRAORE AND THE MALI PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN "WIPING OUT THE AFTERMATH OF THE IMPERIALIST COLONIAL RULE AND DEVELOPING MALI'S NATIONAL ECONOMY AND CULTURE BY RELYING ON THEIR OWN EFFORTS." MRS. KIM HEARTILY THANKED THE MALI PEOPLE FOR THEIR ACTIVE

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SUPPORT IN WHAT SHE CALLED "THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL

REUNIFICATION" OF KOREA.

3. MRS. TRAORE REPLIED IN SIMILAR VEIN, LAVISHING PRAISE ON NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL-SONG AND THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR WHAT SHE CONSIDERED THE GREAT CHANGES AND PROGRESS THAT THEY HAVE MADE IN THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY. SHE EXPRESSED AN ARDENT DESIRE TO STUDY THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORTH KOREA, AND TO APPLY THESE LESSONS IN BUILDING UP THE NATION OF MALI. SHE CLOSED BY RECONFIRMING MALI'S SUPPORT OF "INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE MOTHERLAND." IN RETURN BANQUET GIVEN BY MRS. TRAORE ON OCTOBER 27 IN HONOR OF KIM IL-SONG AND HIS WIFE, MRS. TRAORE AGAIN PRAISED NORTH KOREAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SELF-RELIANCE, SELF-RESPECT AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. MRS. TRAORE AND HER PARTY REPORTEDLY DEPARTED PYONGYANG OCTOBER 28 BY SPECIAL PLANE.

COMMENT: RECENT ROK AND U.S. VISITORS TO THE USSR HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MANY USSR ACADEMICIANS AND OFFICIALS ARE CRITICAL OF NORTH KOREANS FOR MISLEADING AFRICAN NATIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF NORTH KOREAN EXPERIENCES TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD SUCH AS AFRICA. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THE NORTH KOREANS FREQUENTLY ALLEGE THAT THEIR METHODS WILL BRING INSTANT PROGRESS. WHEN PROGRESS DOES NOT TAKE PLACE, COMMUNIST IMAGE SUFFERS AND SOVIETS AND PRC ARE REPORTEDLY LEFT TO TRY TO PICK UP THE PIECES.
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